

OFFICIAL PORTRAIT ACCEPTED BY THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CEREMONIES ATTENDING ACCEPTANCE OF
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE PORTRAIT OF

The Honorable
John L. McMillan

*A Representative in Congress from the Sixth District
of South Carolina Since 1938*

*Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee
Chairman, House Committee on the District of Columbia
Dean of the South Carolina Delegation*



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Washington, D.C.*

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House Resolution No. 891

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.,

August 11, 1966.

Resolved, That the transcript of the proceedings in the Committee on the District of Columbia of May 18, 1966, incident to the presentation of a portrait of Honorable John L. McMillan to the Committee on the District of Columbia be printed as a House document with an illustration and suitable binding.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Chaplain, House of Representatives

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Honorable Roy A. Taylor

Honorable Frank Horton

Honorable Horace R. Kornegay

Honorable Richard L. Roudebush

Honorable William H. Ayres

Honorable Frank Chelf

Honorable Prentiss Walker

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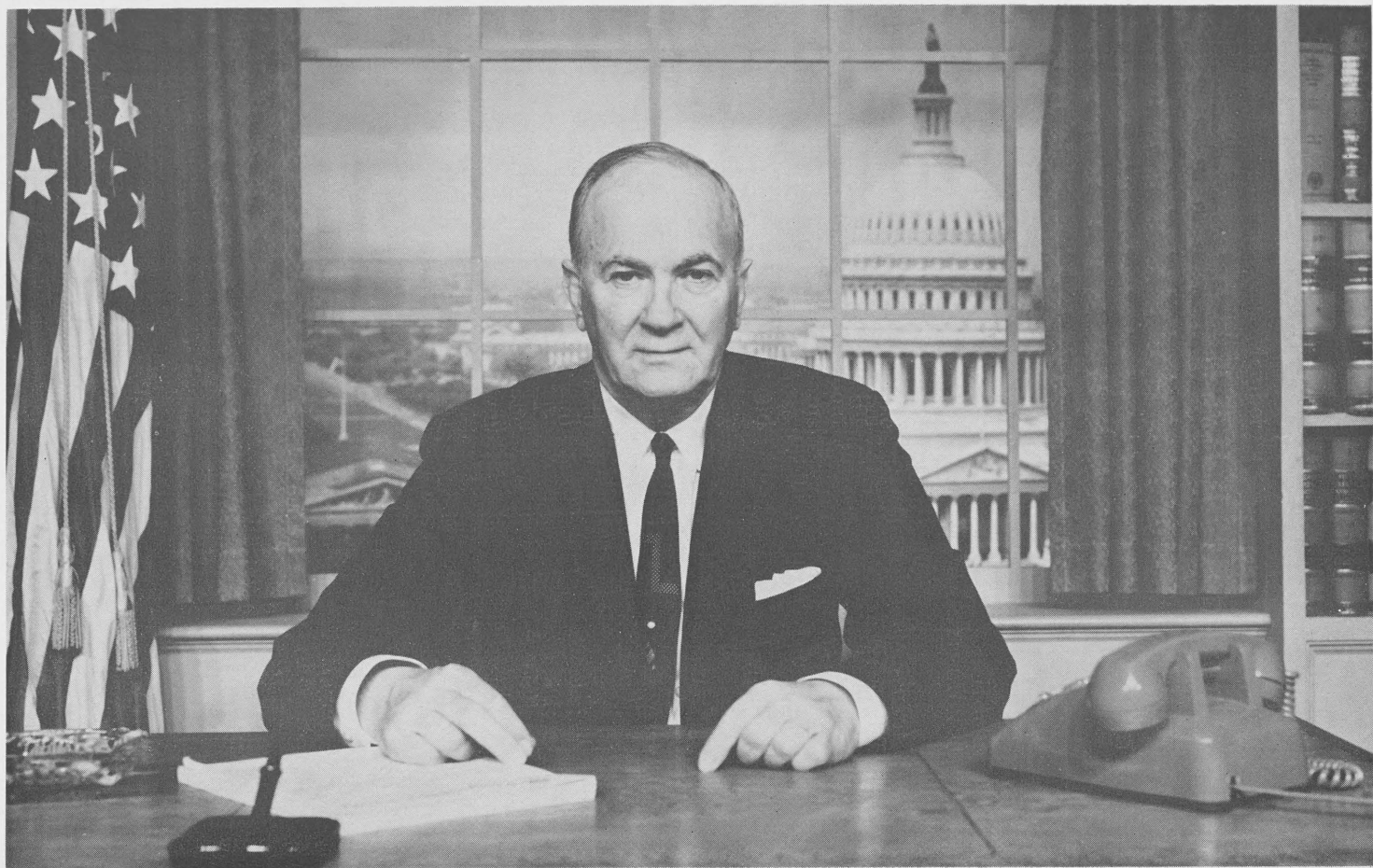
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Chairman, House Committee on the District of Columbia



PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT OF
The Honorable John L. McMillan
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1966

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Honorable Thomas G. Abernethy presiding.

Present: Members of the Committee on the District of Columbia;
Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker, House of Representatives;

Reverend Edward Gardner Latch, Chaplain, House of Representatives;

The Honorable Carl Albert;
The Honorable Robert T. Ashmore;
The Honorable William H. Ayres;
The Honorable Alan Bible;
The Honorable Hale Boggs;
The Honorable Jack Brooks;
The Honorable Earle Cabell;
The Honorable Clair A. Callan;
The Honorable Harold D. Cooley;
The Honorable Eligio de la Garza;
The Honorable William Jennings Bryan Dorn;
The Honorable Joe L. Evins;
The Honorable E. C. Gathings;
The Honorable Tom S. Gettys;
The Honorable Stanley L. Greigg;
The Honorable Harlan Hagen;
The Honorable Durward G. Hall;
The Honorable Charles A. Halleck;
The Honorable John R. Hansen;
The Honorable W. R. Hull, Jr.;
The Honorable Paul C. Jones;
The Honorable Eugene J. Keogh;
The Honorable James Kee;
The Honorable Cecil R. King;
The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan;
The Honorable D. R. (Billy) Matthews;
The Honorable Wilbur D. Mills;
The Honorable Alec G. Olson;
The Honorable Maston O'Neal;

The Honorable Alexander Pirnie;
 The Honorable W. R. Poage;
 The Honorable Rolland Redlin;
 The Honorable L. Mendel Rivers;
 The Honorable Byron G. Rogers;
 The Honorable Neal Smith;
 The Honorable Lynn E. Stalbaum;
 The Honorable Robert G. Stephens, Jr.;
 The Honorable Charles M. Teague;
 The Honorable Clark W. Thompson;
 The Honorable William M. Tuck;
 The Honorable E. S. Johnny Walker;
 The Honorable Prentiss Walker;
 The Honorable Albert Watson;
 The Honorable Charles L. Weltner;
 The Honorable J. Irving Whalley;
 and other Members of the Congress;

Members of the Judiciary of the District of Columbia;

Members of the Government of the District of Columbia;

Also Present: Members of Congressman McMillan's office staff, the staff of the Committee, and other invited guests.

Mr. ABERNETHY. I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your presence this morning. This is a very happy occasion for us. We will open our meeting with prayer by the Reverend Edward Gardner Latch, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

INVOCATION BY

Reverend Edward Gardner Latch

CHAPLAIN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Reverend LATCH. Let us pray.

Oh, God, our Father, who has made of one spirit all nations of men who dwell upon the face of the earth and who did send Thy Son to bring peace to this world and to establish goodwill among men, we pause in Thy presence invoking Thy blessing upon us as we unveil this picture in honor of our beloved John L. McMillan.

We thank Thee for him who so faithfully and so truly lives for his integrity of spirit for his courage to stand firm for what he believes, for his willingness to venture along high and noble ways, for his untiring devotion to our country, for his love of home and church, and for the great ideas which found lodgement in his heart.

May this picture serve to remind us of his loyal and devoted service to our District of Columbia.

So, we unveil this picture in his honor and to the glory of Thy Holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OPENING REMARKS BY

Hon. Thomas G. Abernethy

FIRST DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. ABERNETHY. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a very happy occasion and one in which I am very pleased to participate.

Since 1943, I have sat next to and just below our beloved colleague, John L. McMillan, on this Committee. Everyone in this city knows of Johnny and most favorably. No man can serve as a member of the Congress or as a member of this committee and please everyone, but Johnny McMillan, with his tenderness, his even temper, his kindness and generosity has, in my judgment, comes as near pleasing everyone as any member of the House. He has been a genuinely satisfactory Chairman of this Committee—to the Members of the Congress and the people of the District.

Johnny McMillan was born not too long ago down in the great and beautiful State of South Carolina. He came to Congress as an exceedingly young man and is still young. He has distinguished himself as a civic leader, as a political leader, as a student, and last but not least, as a real, genuine, vigorous and great athlete.

As a young man, Chairman McMillan was selected as an All-Southern Conference football player, back when athletes in his part of the country and mine, were overlooked as All-American. But if you made All-Southern, you had made the peak, and Johnny made it.

John McMillan is a man of understanding. He receives people kindly and treats them with consideration. He has presided over this committee for many years fairly and effectively.

The Constitution, the guiding law of our great Government, requires certain duties of Members of Congress. One of those duties is that the Congress of the United States shall, in all instances whatsoever, legislate for the District of Columbia.

In a sense, it is a thankless sort of service to serve as a member of this Committee. Yet it has tremendous compensations. This is a beautiful city; it is one of the most magnificent cities on the face of the earth. It is inhabited by good people. It has good government. Mr. McMillan, the one whom we honor today, has contributed to the beauty as well as to the good government which prevails in this fine community.

The position which he holds accords him no political favor or advantage among his constituents. Nevertheless, they have appreciated the fact that it is the duty and the responsibility of the Members of this Congress to serve the people of the District of Columbia. Therefore, his people have praised and rewarded him for this service.

Now, with that, I will move to the prepared part of the program.

I am very proud of the opportunity that I have had to express myself this morning in behalf of my beloved friend, John McMillan. [Applause.]

We have another prominent Carolinian at the table this morning. I now recognize that distinguished member of this committee, the Honorable Basil Whitener. Mr. Whitener.

PRESENTATION OF SCROLL BY

Hon. Basil L. Whitener

TENTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Chairman, Dr. Latch, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, my colleagues in the House and in the Senate, Members of the Judiciary, ladies and gentlemen.

Some time ago Tom Abernethy had an idea which he brought to four or five of us who work on the Committee on the District of Columbia. We all very happily agreed to serve with him as Members of a Committee to do honor to our distinguished Chairman, the Honorable John L. McMillan.

When Tom came to see me we so readily agreed that as I walked back to the office, I wondered if I had placed myself in another one of those jobs that would be difficult.

I can say to you, to the friends of the man whom we honor today, that I have never had an easier job on any committee in my entire lifetime.

As we talked to only a few of the friends and associates of John McMillan on Capitol Hill, we found that our assignment was not a task but a joy. I think that it would be only fitting that I say for the record that there are many unhappy Members of the House, and many unhappy employees of the House, who learned too late that they could not participate in doing honor to Mr. McMillan, as those who were able to, who had an opportunity to do so.

Without exception every Member of the House to whom I mentioned this project, very happily joined in. I am sure that that was also the experience of Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Multer, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Broyhill, the others who served on the Committee.

So, in order that Mr. McMillan may know the identity of those who were privileged to participate in this matter, in the purchasing and arrangement for the portrait and the complete financing of the operation, we have prepared a scroll which will give to him and to the public the names of those dear friends of our Chairman who serve in the Congress and who served on the staff of this Committee and on the office staff of Mr. McMillan, who are the ones to whom credit is due for this occasion.

So, at this time, Mr. McMillan, if you will step forward, I will read to you this scroll (reading):

IN APPRECIATION OF
THE HONORABLE JOHN L. McMILLAN,
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For the capable, dedicated and unselfish service which he has rendered to the people of the United States in twenty-eight years as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, and in particular eighteen years as chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia.

Done in Washington, District of Columbia, this eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

Mr. Chairman, I happily present this scroll to you. [Standing applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. McMillan has another accomplishment. His staff always embodies a group of attractive and most charming ladies, two of whom we have here this morning in the persons of Miss Josie Arthur and Miss Olis Brooks. They now will unveil the portrait.

UNVEILING OF PORTRAIT BY

Miss Josie Arthur, and Miss Olis Brooks

(Standing applause as the portrait was unveiled.)

Mr. ABERNETHY. If I may, I would like to present the artist, Mr. Charles Hoover. He has done a magnificent job. Mr. Hoover. (Mr. Charles Hoover stepped forward briefly.)

[Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. We have some very distinguished Members of the House here this morning.

First, I would like to call on Mr. Albert, the Democratic leader of the House. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Carl B. Albert

THIRD DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

Mr. ALBERT. Thank you, Mr. Abernethy, Congressman and Mrs. McMillan, my colleagues and friends.

I am delighted to be a part of this ceremony. I served in this very room for many years with Johnny McMillan. I have known him as a fine and dedicated Congressman, a great American, and I am happy to join you in saluting him.

Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you, Mr. Albert.

Our distinguished Speaker is approaching the mike.

Mr. Speaker, may we recognize you at this time? [Applause and standing ovation.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. John W. McCormack

NINTH DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Speaker McCORMACK. My good friend and colleague, Congressman Abernethy, my distinguished colleagues and friends, ladies and gentlemen, and friends of the Chairman of the Committee, and particularly my dear friend, Chairman John McMillan, and Mrs. McMillan:

This is a very notable occasion in the history and the life of this great Committee:

The unveiling of a portrait of not only the Chairman of the Committee but one of the most highly respected Members that has ever served in the House of Representatives.

Johnny McMillan is a gentleman in every sense of the word. His dedication to public service has been evidenced by his actions. We may not have always agreed but there is always his dedication to public service and the sincerity of his views. He has presided here with this Committee with wisdom, judgment, and great ability.

I am proud to have served with him and to now serve with him and I am equally proud to call him my friend.

We come from different sections of the country, elected by our constituencies, and we meet Members and by our service we develop respect and friendship.

One of the great pleasures that I have always had and which I shall always hold dear in my mind are the friendships that I made among the colleagues in the House that I have served with throughout the years, because friendship has a transcending influence. Where friendship exists between two persons there might be differences of views here and there but the friendship is the uppermost influence.

I am proud to say that one of those friendships that I value very highly is the friendship that has developed between Chairman McMillan and myself.

He represents the people of his District with ability, great ability, and with courage. As I said, he presides over this Committee, and it has many trying problems—(laughter)—probably a few more to come. He presides over the Committee with dignity, with strength, and in a manner that reflects great credit, not only upon the Committee but upon the House of Representatives.

I am a House of Representatives man, and I am proud of the dignity and the strength of the Committees of the House and one of the great strengths is where the witness receives courtesy by the Chairman and the Members, even with their wide differences that might occur or exist from time to time, and Chairman McMillan is one who has always shown the finest attributes of a gentleman, whether the one appearing before the Committee is a multi-millionaire or another who might not have many pennies in his pocket. That is, to me, the finest example of a gentleman in the most refined sense.

I am very glad to join with you on this occasion, historic, in connection with the District of Columbia Committee history, but more than that, to join with you on this occasion to show by our presence—and this is one of the finest unveilings I have ever attended—to show by our presence the deep respect and friendship we have for one of the finest Americans we have ever met, and above that, one of the finest gentlemen we have ever met, John McMillan, and also to pay respect, our respect, to his sweetheart and guide through life, Mrs. McMillan. [Applause and standing ovation.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, we deeply appreciate your presence and your very beautiful remarks.

We have with us from the so-called upper body, the distinguished, friendly and popular chairman of the District Committee of the Senate, Senator Alan Bible, whom I now recognize. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Alan Bible

SENATOR FROM NEBRASKA

Senator BIBLE. Thank you very much, Chairman Tom, Mr. Speaker, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

This is, indeed, a high honor and a great privilege.

I might say this is the most cordial reception I have received in the recent conferences I have had of the D.C. Committee. [Laughter.]

This is truly a wonderful occasion, to honor my good, dear friend, John McMillan.

When I was assigned, or consigned, whatever it is, to the D.C. Committee on the Senate side, one of the first men that I met in the House of Representatives was this great man from the Carolinas, and over these years our friendship has ripened. We seem to have had an increasing number of contacts, but they have been pleasant ones. We work and struggle to resolve some of the many problems that we have in this Nation's Capital and I think it is well that you do honor him here today.

The warmth, Mrs. McMillan, that is evident from the people that are here, and their expressions and the clasp of their hands show the respect in which your fine husband is held here in the United States Congress as we work on the many problems that confront us.

I noticed the allusion from my former Fraternity Brother from the south, Tom Abernethy when he said that we don't concede that the Body I represent is the upper House. I might say that if you sat in any of our conferences, you would know darn well it isn't the upper House. [Laughter.]

But, seriously, I am delighted to be here. I have worked on this Committee for eleven years and it has its frustrations. I think it may have a few rewards—they are a little hard to find—but it is a duty and a responsibility, and John McMillan deserves the honor you have given him here this morning.

Congratulations to you, Mrs. McMillan; congratulations to you, John. Good to be with you. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. We thank you, Senator Bible.

We have with us another distinguished Chairman from the Carolinas, the Honorable Harold Cooley, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture. Mr. McMillan and I serve as Members of Mr. Cooley's Committee.

We would like to recognize Mr. Cooley. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Harold D. Cooley

FOURTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Master of Ceremonies, Ladies and gentlemen:

I have known John L. McMillan for 28 years. I knew him when he was not so great; having known him intimately and well, I can hereby certify to you the finest, nicest thing about him is his lovely wife sitting on his right. [Applause.]

By his intelligent devotion to duty, his unswerving fidelity to truth, he has endeared himself to all of his colleagues and to his countrymen.

I say that I have known him well and that is accurate. He has served on the Committee on Agriculture for many long years. He has discharged and performed every duty and every assignment in fine fashion. He is Chairman of our great Committee on Forestry which means so much to the people of the nation. He is a Member of our Tobacco Committee, which means so much, especially to the people he has so well and ably represented through the years.

I can testify that he is a dedicated and a devoted public servant and at all times is interested in the welfare and happiness of the people he has represented.

He is worthy of the confidence of the people of his district, State and nation. And in this very year, the people of his District will have an opportunity to give him another vote of confidence, and I hope, Johnny, it will be the greatest vote of confidence you have ever had in your long life in public service. [Applause.]

I want to extend to him my cordial good wishes and to express the hope that he will continue to serve in this House of Representatives just as long as he wants.

Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. I hope, Mr. Cooley, you will include me in that last wish. [Laughter.]

These Carolinians can roll it out, can't they?

There is one thing about this Committee. We have no partisanship here. The Democrats do sit on one side and the Republicans on the other, but we work together most harmoniously.

With us this morning is the ranking Republican Member of our committee, a very distinguished Member of the House of Representatives from Minnesota, the Honorable Anchor Nelsen, whom I now recognize.

[Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Anchor Nelsen

SECOND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Mr. NELSEN. Thank you, Tom, Member of the Clergy, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and our very distinguished, honored guest, his lovely wife, and friends.

I notice the mellowing attitude of Senator Bible. I hope it continues [laughter] into the Senate-House conferences that we are having. While Harold Cooley was doing some endorsing of candidates, somehow he didn't mention me. However, I hope that my district will again give me its endorsement. Today, we are here to endorse our friendship for a very, very fine gentleman. We are here to pay our respects to him and his lovely wife. I am most happy and honored to be a part of this presentation.

While Mr. McMillan and I are on opposite sides of the political fence, those of us on the minority side have always recognized his infinite patience, kindness and courtesy, which are the earmarks of a truly fine gentleman.

I want to point out that no greater tribute could be paid to anyone than to recognize him as a man of conviction and as a thorough gentleman.

Dickens once said, "A man can never be a true gentleman until he is a true gentleman at heart."

Mr. Dickens' description of a gentleman aptly fits the man we honor today, Mr. McMillan, and so I add my congratulations. I might point out, Mr. Chairman, that some of the minority Members were unable to be here but asked that I extend their best wishes to you and Mrs. McMillan. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you, Mr. Nelsen.

We are honored with the presence of another very distinguished Member of the House of Representatives, the Majority Whip, the Honorable Hale Boggs from the great city of New Orleans. We now recognize you, Mr. Boggs. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Hale Boggs

SECOND DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Chairman, Speaker McCormack, Margaret and Johnny McMillan, Carl Albert, ladies and gentlemen:

Tom, I have enjoyed this immensely, and I am sure that this could go on all day long.

You know when we get in the mood of saying good things about one another, we really excel.

I am sure this is not appropriate to Johnny but they tell the story about an honoree at a testimonial dinner. All of you have been to these affairs [laughter] and this one went on and on and on until the very early hours of the morning, and finally everyone left except the honoree who enjoyed every speech immensely. Finally, it ended as all things must and as he was wending his way home, he blew a puff of cigar smoke towards his wife and said, "You know, my dear, there are very few great men in this world." And she said, "You are so right, and there is one less than you think there is." [Laughter.]

Now, believe me this doesn't apply to Johnny McMillan, and I am sure that he would never dream of blowing a puff of smoke toward his lovely wife, Margaret. He might tease her a little bit as all of us are wont to do on occasion.

Mr. Chairman, I am happy to join here with all of your friends and colleagues and say to you that we are indeed proud of your long service, your honorable service, your dedicated service.

I have been on the Committee on Committees for a great many years, and I know how hard it is to get people to serve on the District Committee. Serving on this committee is really a matter of dedication and devotion, for very few Members gain any particular recognition in their home areas because of the hours and the time and the effort they give to this committee.

I think the best tribute to the work of this committee and its counterpart in the other Body is the fact that our Nation's Capital is a monument to this country and to all that we believe in, and it would not have been possible if it had not been for the dedication of these men.

John, I am happy to be here and to congratulate you. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you, Mr. Boggs.

It is my privilege now to call upon the distinguished Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, member of this committee, Judge Smith.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Howard W. Smith

EIGHTH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Judge SMITH. Mr. Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen. It is a genuine privilege and pleasure to join with Members of the Committee on the District of Columbia and my colleagues of the House in this warm tribute and expression of good will to our long-time good friend and colleague, the Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, John L. McMillan.

The words that have been spoken here this morning in honor and tribute by his colleagues, and the presence of this large gathering of distinguished persons, reveal the high regard in which John McMillan is held by his colleagues and by people of the District of Columbia. I am happy to join with the others present on this occasion in expressing appreciation to John McMillan for his fine contributions as a Member of Congress, as Chairman of this Committee, and for his service to the Nation's Capital which is a service to every citizen of every State.

John McMillan has served with distinction in the House of Representatives for a good many years. He has been a Member of this Committee for a long time and has served as its Chairman for 18 years. If that is not a record for service as Chairman of this Committee, I am sure it is very close to it. As Chairman he has served with firmness and fairness. He knows the people and the problems of the District of Columbia and has been respectful of the wishes of the people residing here, responsive to their needs, and has recognized the responsibility of this Committee in connection with the interests of all the people in their National Capital.

As a Member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, I am aware of the extra duty and burdens which any Member of that Committee must bear in performing the obligations of the Congress under the Constitution. Having served in the House for a considerable period of years, and likewise as Chairman of another Committee, I know something of the additional burdens, time, and effort which must be given to see that the job gets done. John McMillan has been diligent, devoted, and dedicated to that purpose.

It is very proper that we likewise recognize and honor the charming wife of the Chairman, Mrs. McMillan, who has been a loyal partner and helper, and who cooperated and furnished the inspiration for his achievement.

The portrait which is unveiled today will grace the walls of this Committee Room in memory of the tribute expressed on this occasion to a distinguished Member of Congress, a devoted public servant, and a fine American, John L. McMillan, and serve as an inspiration to those who may attend these halls in the future.

Mr. ABERNETHY. We have with us one of the real popular members of the House of Representatives who came here along about the same time as Mr. McMillan, probably a little bit before. He is a man of great ability, and highly respected by the people of his district and the House of Representatives. I am very pleased to present our good friend, the Honorable Charles Halleck of Indiana. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Charles A. Halleck

SECOND DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Mr. HALLECK. You know, it isn't very often these days that a Republican gets a chance to be for anything. [Laughter.]

John, salutations to you and your lovely wife, to the Speaker, the Leader, the Whip, all you fine folks, and Al Bible, I will even include you, even though you do come from the Senate.

Out in Indiana, you can either be for a guy or "fer" a guy. And, John, I'm "fer" you. [Laughter.]

A great guy, this John McMillan.

I am glad to be here to have a chance to say a few words about the hanging of John McMillan. [Laughter.] A few people would like this chance, John.

I feel a little like the fellow on the posse that just captured a horse thief and was getting ready to string him up. One of the posse asked if he couldn't say a little prayer for him and one of the deputies said, "Now, look here, my friend, what are you trying to do, sneak this guy into Heaven? Why, they wouldn't even let him live in Texas." [Laughter.]

Now, I didn't make that up for political purposes; I just heard it that way. [Laughter.]

Seriously, it seems that John McMillan and I have been friends forever, I hope I have been his friend, and I know he has been mine. We have both been around so long that back home our constituents can't find anybody's name on the ballot but ours, and that's a real good thing.

Now, we have got one thing in common. He and I many times are in the minority. I don't need to tell John how much we love him and respect him and admire him.

He's a great guy in my book, one of the best. I might add, as Mrs. McMillan knows, that I have pulled through his district a time or two rather anonymously, and when you ask the folks who represents them, they know. Now, nobody knows in my district, but they know down there. [Laughter.]

Believe me, the McMillans stand ace high in their area.

One time I was there and I said, "How are things going down here? Are you having a little trouble?" "Yes," they said, "Things are pretty hard here; we've a lot of unemployment." I said, "Hell, up in Indiana, that ain't a problem, that's an objective." [Laughter.]

I don't mind going down to South Carolina. The game wardens treat me a little better there. [Laughter.]

Now, as long as we've got to have Democrats, John, God bless you; you stay with us. [Laughter.]

My appearing here kind of reminds me of Tom Abernethy, he never turned down a chance to make a speech but once and he didn't understand the proposition then. [Laughter.]

But, I am happy to be here, grateful for the opportunity to say to you, John, and to your lovely wife, and all of your friends, you are a great man and a great leader, the Chairman of a great Committee, and in this Congress this is an accomplishment.

I aspired to a chairmanship once upon a time, but like a lot of other things, I just didn't make it.

But we are still glad to be here and, John, I wish you many, many years of continued success. [Applause.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Halleck, we thank you very much.

There is a very large number of friends of Johnny McMillan here this morning.

I would like to recognize the presence of Mr. Auchincloss, a distinguished former Member of the House of Representatives and of this Committee, who retired voluntarily, and who has shown very much interest in this portrait.

Mr. Auchincloss, will you stand, please? [Loud applause.]

There is Mike Kirwan of Ohio over there, a great man and a friend of everyone. I think Mike came here with Johnny. Mike, we are happy to have you. [Applause.]

I shall not go further with recognitions for fear of getting in trouble. We are happy to have each of you, particularly the members of Congress, members of the Judiciary, and so many officials of the District Government.

It is now my pleasure to recognize our good friend, the Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and a colleague of Mr. McMillan from South Carolina.

REMARKS OF

Hon. L. Mendel Rivers

FIRST DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. RIVERS. Words cannot express my pleasure at being here today for this momentous and memorable occasion. I can think of none that I would rather help honor than my beloved friend, John McMillan. As the Dean of the South Carolina Delegation, Johnny has always furnished us with leadership beyond what anyone could ask. His advice and support have often been a source of strength to us in times past. As the Representative for South Carolina's Sixth District, he has well and nobly served the interests of his constituents. And as the Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, his guidance has been indispensable to the whole House. He has not followed the easy and popular path; he has not let his decisions be swayed by demagogues or by holders of great wealth or power. Instead, his honest and independent course, supported by his great knowledge of so many subjects, has furnished a beacon which

we have all been able to follow. Throughout these turbulent years, the District of Columbia has grown and prospered under his unsurpassed leadership.

This portrait will stand forever as a small token of our honor and respect for the greatest chairman this committee has ever had—and probably ever will have.

To Johnny and his lovely bride, I offer my heartiest best wishes on the occasion of this unveiling. To the rest of those assembled, I can only remark on the good fortune that has given us John McMillan.

Mr. ABERNETHY. It gives me pleasure to present a long time and most valuable member of our committee, the Honorable Abe Multer of New York. Abe is a real work horse on this committee and renders great services to the District of Columbia. I am very pleased to recognize Mr. Multer at this time.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Abraham J. Multer

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Abernethy and Chairman McMillan, it is a great pleasure for me to join with our colleagues in honoring Mr. McMillan today by the placing of his portrait in the Committee room.

I have served with our Chairman on the District of Columbia Committee since 1957. We have disagreed on some issues, we have agreed on many others; but, each time a bill has come before our Committee, he has always respected my views and the views of the other Members of the Committee. All of our dealings have been on the basis of mutual respect. Mr. Chairman, you have been a true gentleman in every sense of the word.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you, Mr. Multer.

I am happy to recognize Mr. Dorn, another esteemed colleague of our chairman from South Carolina.

REMARKS OF

Hon. William Jennings Bryan Dorn

THIRD DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. DORN. Mr. Chairman, this splendid portrait here today is a manifestation of the esteem in which John McMillan is held by all of us. Frankly, I have never seen a larger crowd in any committee room on Capitol Hill than the one gathered here this morning to honor this great American.

John McMillan's life has been dedicated to the service of others. He is a team player who prefers that others carry the ball. He is humble, but untiring, persevering and effective in the service of this country.

John McMillan is from a distinguished South Carolina family. His late brother, Claude McMillan, was Chief Highway Commissioner of South Carolina for almost a quarter of a century and built the finest highway system in the world.

John was a member of a large family and worked his way through the University of South Carolina where he was an all-time great as a guard on the University's Game-Cock football team.

John McMillan has rendered outstanding service to the entire Nation and indeed to the Free World as Chairman of the District Committee and "Mayor of Washington." Here in our Nation's Capital, he has worked untiringly for crime prevention, for a cleaner, more beautiful city and for a better traffic and education system. The growth, the beauty, the vitality of this Nation's Capital today is in no small measure due to the leadership of this great man we honor this morning.

John McMillan, as a working member of the House Committee on Agriculture, has devoted much of his time to the cause of agriculture. Our cotton farmers, tobacco farmers, and those in the soil and water conservation program are indebted to him. Indeed, John M. has greatly helped all farmers throughout the Nation.

He is known throughout America today for our vastly improved forests, and magnificent agricultural accomplishments attributed to the leadership and inspiration of this great man.

John McMillan has served with honor and distinction as Dean of our South Carolina Delegation for many years. I have watched him preside over our annual State public hearings in Columbia. As secretary of the State Delegation, I can testify to his untiring efforts, zeal, devotion, dedication, and inspiration to our people.

In all of his many activities, his lovely wife Margaret has cooperated and inspired his superb accomplishments and achievements. His son, John, has been a source of great joy to both of them.

It is fitting and proper that we unveil this portrait here today to this great Committee Chairman, outstanding Congressman and great American.

Mr. ABERNETHY. There are other Members of the South Carolina Delegation here this morning and I would like to recognize them: Mr. Gettys. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Tom S. Gettys

FIFTH DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. GETTYS. Mr. Chairman, it is a privilege to be present today to hear a great South Carolinian so highly praised. I have known Congressman McMillan for twenty-five years. He has been consistently kind and helpful to me over that period. As the Dean of our South Carolina Delegation, he has demonstrated leadership. As the Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee, he has rendered exceptional service not only to the people of his own State, but to all Americans everywhere.

I am proud that my State has a man in Washington like John L. McMillan.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you Mr. Gettys.

Mr. Ashmore.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Robert T. Ashmore

FOURTH DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. ASHMORE. Mr. Chairman, I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to join in this ceremony today honoring a great man from the State of South Carolina. John L. McMillan has served honorably and well as Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee of the United States House of Representatives. He has directed the affairs of this Committee during nine Congresses for a total of 18 years and has done this job efficiently and well despite the occasional criticisms to which all committee chairmen are subjected. He has devoted his time in office to doing a job which some would have shunned because of the pressures and drudgery. But as a result, we can look at this splendid Capital City and see reflected in it the fine work he has done and continues to do.

John McMillan's life is a history of diligence. He has maintained the true American tradition by working hard for what he has achieved. He worked to put himself through school. He worked to achieve recognition as an outstanding member of the University of South Carolina football team. He has contributed much to church, fraternal, and civic activities. In his position as a Member of the House Committee on Agriculture, he has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of our agricultural areas, the national forests, and the rural economy.

The city of Washington is a better place, both for residents and for the taxpayers of our Nation, because of John McMillan's efforts, and the State of South Carolina is proud to call him our own. I am glad to join my colleagues of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in this tribute and grateful for the privilege of viewing this fine portrait, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you Mr. Ashmore.

Mr. Harsha.

REMARKS OF

Hon. William H. Harsha

SIXTH DISTRICT OF OHIO

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Chairman, I am, indeed, delighted and privileged to join my colleagues in congratulating our distinguished Chairman and also in paying tribute to him for his many years of distinguished and outstanding service not only as chairman of this committee, but as one of the leaders of the entire Congress.

I have observed, Mr. Chairman, that many members have pointed to the fact that they have been on opposing sides with our Chairman

on many issues. Even though I am of the opposite political party, I have found myself in agreement with our distinguished Chairman on practically 90 percent of the issues. So, I feel that my philosophy and that of the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina is very much the same.

Having the privilege of serving under him for a number of years has been an enlightening and thrilling experience. I have often been amazed by his infinite patience, his intelligence and grasp of the fundamental issues involved with the problems confronting this committee. His leadership has, indeed, been an inspiration to me, and I have often sought his counsel and guidance. He has never been too busy to take time away from his tremendous schedule and workload to charitably offer his help.

He is indeed a true leader, a man among men and a gentleman I am proud to have been associated with over the years. He has rendered a great service not only to the District of Columbia and his own Congressional District, but to the Nation as a whole.

I am privileged to offer my congratulations to him and his beautiful wife and to wish him many, many years of health, happiness, and continued success.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Matthews.

REMARKS OF

Hon. D. R. (Billy) Matthews

EIGHTH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Mr. MATTHEWS. Mr. Chairman, I should like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the Honorable John L. McMillan, who has served so faithfully and effectively as Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia for these many years.

As a member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia for several years, I had the pleasure of knowing John McMillan in a very personal way. I think he is one of the most able of our Committee Chairmen, and I am sure that his colleagues who have worked with him will bear witness to that observation.

My father was a native South Carolinian and was reared in the District that our friend, John McMillan, represents. Members of my father's family have been his friends and supporters for many years. As a South Carolinian just one generation removed, I feel a particular pride with them in the accomplishments of our friend whom we are honoring today.

I wish to congratulate our colleague, John McMillan, on his accomplishments and to wish for him and his charming wife many happy years to come.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Mathias.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.

SIXTH DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Mr. MATHIAS. Mr. Chairman, I am happy to participate in the ceremonies marking the unveiling of the portrait of the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable John L. McMillan, Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia for eighteen years.

Chairman McMillan is a gentleman of unfailing courtesy and conviction. He is intimately familiar with the intricate details of governing the District of Columbia. He oversees this important Committee with constant diligence and care. He has truly performed his duties in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience, and I am pleased to join in this tribute to his service.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Taylor.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Roy A. Taylor

ELEVENTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Chairman, when I first came to Congress, I had the good fortune of being assigned an office immediately across the hall from Congressman John L. McMillan. Soon I became well acquainted with my gentlemanly neighbor from South Carolina, chatted with him frequently and often walked with him to the Capitol to answer quorum bells.

Quickly I gained an admiration and respect for Mr. Mac which has grown deeper through the years of our continued association.

As Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, he has conscientiously devoted himself to the task of making the Nation's Capital a better place in which to live and work. He has held to this objective steadfastly, frequently in the face of criticism which would discourage a less dedicated or less able individual.

Mr. Mac stands tall on Capitol Hill, and it is fitting that his portrait should hang in the District of Columbia Committee room. Future generations will appreciate more and more his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the District of Columbia.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Horton.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Frank Horton

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Chairman, among the deep satisfactions that I have known as a Member of Congress have been the friendships that I have cherished with men who were not members of my Party and with whom at times I have disagreed on some issues.

It has come as one of greatly enlightening and heartening experiences of a lifetime to learn that not only can we respect a man who has a different perspective on an issue, but that we can feel a profound and abiding affection and admiration for him, for his work, for his leadership, for his integrity, for his intelligence, for his enthusiasm, and for his patriotism.

My service on the District of Columbia Committee of the House of Representatives, under the able chairmanship of the Honorable John L. McMillan of South Carolina, has been such a broadening and educative experience. It is part of the stability of our form of government that its representatives know how to disagree, calmly and with respect for each other's points of view. I am grateful for the kindness, the courtesy, the consideration, the human understanding that he has shown to me and to others in his distinguished chairmanship of the committee on which we serve together.

I have supported him in many measures and he has supported me in as many, but we have not had to log a tally in such matters because we trust, respect, and like each other. I am proud to serve on a committee whose chairman has done so much for the District of Columbia.

There have been hundreds of bills benefiting the District whose passage he has championed in the long years of his membership on the District Committee and during his chairmanship. To cite a few outstanding measures, there have been the bills providing for construction of the Washington Hospital Center and for additions to the District's hospitals, for construction of the new stadium, for increased Federal payments toward District expenditures, for improved pay scales for all District employees, for the building of more bridges, and for the construction of better streets.

The leadership of John McMillan has been an inspiration to me and still is. His friendship I am proud to have. His is a fine mind. His is a fine record. I am proud to agree with all of those who have known him that John L. McMillan is a fine chairman, a fine Congressman, and a fine man.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Kornegay.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Horace R. Kornegay

SIXTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. KORNEGAY. Mr. Chairman, it is not only a genuine pleasure, but a high privilege that I with deep humility join my colleagues in paying respect to the Honorable John L. McMillan.

I have not had the privilege to know Mr. Mac as long as many of the others who share his bountiful friendship. But the brevity of my relationship with him detracts not one whit from my fond admiration and respect for him.

I shall not dwell here on his list of accomplishments, because they are known wherever good government and good men are valued. He has not only served his district, his state and his nation with honor and distinction for well over a quarter of a century here in the Congress of the United States, but he has served those others who have been sent here. He is an inspiration for the rest of us who are fortunate enough to call him friend.

Mr. Mac and I have a number of things in common, and I am hopeful that the similarities will reflect from this great American to himself. Chairman McMillan represents the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina. I have the honor to represent the Sixth District of North Carolina. Mr. Mac went to the University of North Carolina, which is located in my Congressional District. And, I now share his old office quarters in the Cannon Building, which he vacated before moving to his new offices in the Rayburn Building. These are but minor common bonds, but they do add a further measure to my devotion to the gentleman—in every sense of the word—whom we honor with this portrait.

May it always remind us of his service to his Maker, his country and his fellow man.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Roudebush.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Richard L. Roudebush

SIXTH DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Mr. ROUDEBUSH. Mr. Chairman, I would like to add my congratulations to those expressed by the other Members of our Committee to my good friend and our Chairman, the Honorable John McMillan of South Carolina.

For the several years I have served on the House District Committee, I have found him to be a complete gentleman in the finest sense of the word, and most considerate of the needs of the Members of the Committee.

I am very much aware of the criticism which has been leveled on our Committee. However, I would say that John McMillan is a most dedicated Chairman and he has repeatedly demonstrated his

love of our Capital City and his compassion for its citizens, and he has worked tirelessly for their benefit.

I am pleased to take part in this unveiling ceremony as a Member of the Minority of the Committee, and wish our distinguished Chairman continued good health and long service in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Ayres.

REMARKS OF

Hon. William H. Ayres

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT OF OHIO

Mr. AYRES. Mr. Chairman, as I was standing in the crowded committee room awaiting the unveiling of the oil painting portraying the image of the Honorable John L. McMillan, and listening to the eloquent words of praise that you, Mr. Speaker, were making about the man whom we had come to honor, I could but feel that your words were those that the vast majority of the House could heartily endorse.

John L. McMillan is one of the most dedicated, knowledgeable, and considerate Members of Congress that it has been my fortune to meet. When I first came to this House, 16 years ago, he was a veteran of 12 years of service. Even then he was considered one of our leading authorities on agriculture. I turned to him for advice on this subject and that advice has stood me in good stead throughout the years.

The Honorable John L. McMillan has served as chairman of the House District Committee for 18 years. Only a true dedication to service of his fellowmen would influence a man of his high ability to remain at that most difficult and controversial post.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we all owe a debt of gratitude to the public spirited citizens who donated the beautiful portrait of Chairman McMillan. I felt it an honor to be invited to attend such a memorable occasion. I did note that practically the entire body of public officials of the District of Columbia turned out to pay homage to this great American.

I ask no greater honor than to be known as a friend of John L. McMillan.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Chelf.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Frank Chelf

FOURTH DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Chairman, for a number of years, my office in the Cannon Building was located next door to the District of Columbia Committee and from this vantage point, I had an unusual and special opportunity to become well acquainted with Chairman McMillan and to observe him in the handling of the many complex and diverse problems before his committee.

Never, in all of that time, did I see him become irascible, excited, or upset. He was always patient and unbiased. I have never seen him use other than good judgment and I have never seen him fail to deal fairly with any situation, no matter what the extreme provocation or the flagrant potential of the circumstances might be.

John is a man of integrity, great capability, dedicated, greatness of spirit and rare generosity of heart. I have observed that he is never vindictive, and I know that to engage in acrimony would be completely foreign to his nature. He has an admirable practice of not saying anything about a person if he cannot say something favorable about him. He has handled an extremely difficult assignment with outstanding acumen and consummate skill.

It is indeed fitting and appropriate that a portrait of this truly great chairman will now grace the walls of the District of Columbia Committee room, providing a permanent reminder to all posterity of the wonderful work he has done for which the entire country can be immensely grateful.

I am happy and proud to know John McMillan and join with all of you and his friends and admirers everywhere in honoring him as his congressional district in South Carolina has honored him over the years by retaining him in the Congress.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Walker.

REMARKS OF

Hon. Prentiss Walker

FOURTH DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Chairman, I am happy to be a part of this ceremony honoring my distinguished colleague, Mr. Johnny McMillan.

When I came to Congress last year and was appointed to the Agriculture Committee, Mr. Johnny was one of the first people I met. Since that time I have come to know and respect him as a most valuable public servant. His keen ability and dedication to Christian principles have certainly been an inspiration to me.

The people of this nation are, indeed, fortunate to have a gentleman of the highest principles and character as Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee and as a member of the Agriculture Committee. His contributions of service will long be remembered.

The portrait which has so graciously been presented here today is certainly a worthy praise for this fine record of service.

My best wishes are extended to Congressman McMillan and his fine family.

Mr. ABERNETHY. I now recognize for a few remarks a long time Member of this Committee, a neighbor of this City, a man who has rendered great service in the House, Honorable Joel Broyhill of Virginia. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF

Hon. Joel T. Broyhill

TENTH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Speaker, and John and Margaret, as the lowliest and lowest ranking member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, this can serve to indicate to you that we are getting toward the end of the program. [Laughter.]

But I think everyone who has spoken here this morning does consider, regardless of his rank in the Congress, does consider this to be a special privilege and a real treat to join with the many, many friends and admirers of our good friend, John McMillan, and in paying him this most appropriate and well deserved tribute this morning.

There is an expression that we use in the House of Representatives when we agree wholeheartedly with what our colleagues have previously said, and that is that we want to associate ourselves with the remarks of our colleagues, and I most certainly want to associate myself with everything that has been said here this morning. And if I repeat, in a couple of remarks here, anything that has previously been said, I hope that it will serve to emphasize the sincere and deep affection and respect we all have for you, John McMillan.

All of us know that there is no Member of the Congress who has a greater love for his country, his State and the district that he represents, and our Nation's Capital, than John McMillan. There is no question that there is no greater devotion and dedication and no greater sacrifice made on the part of any Member towards the Nation's Capital than by John McMillan.

Unfortunately, this devotion and this service is not understood and acknowledged by some people.

Tom Abernethy made reference a moment ago to some of the criticisms that our friend, John McMillan has received, and this criticism has come, unfortunately, as a result of ignorance because the people who have directed that criticism at our friend, John McMillan, have not had the privilege and the opportunity of knowing John McMillan as a man and the sincerity that he has felt towards helping to make our Nation's Capital a better place in which to live. [Applause.]

This criticism has not made John McMillan vindictive or caused him to be any less enthusiastic and determined to help us here in the Nation's Capital and it certainly has not caused him to change his dedication to what he thinks is the right thing to do.

I and the people that I have the honor of representing owe to John McMillan a personal debt of gratitude because he has helped me during the fourteen years I have been a Member of the Congress, to better represent and better serve my district.

You heard it mentioned that this is not a partisan committee as such, and there is nothing wrong with partisanship because it is a responsibility of each political party to build up a record the best they

can to serve the American people, but John McMillan has never let any partisan politics interfere with what he felt was the best thing to do for the District of Columbia and the Washington metropolitan area and with helping individual Members of his Committee to serve their people.

More than anything else, John, I am appreciative to you for the personal warm friendship you have given to me since I have been a Member of Congress. You know, John McMillan is literally a neighbor of mine, as he lives within about two blocks of where I live. He is a constituent, by the way. [Laughter.]

So he has helped me to give him better representation. [Laughter.]

We enjoy many, many mutual close personal friends. When we have had a few moments from our official duties to enjoy some personal friendships and social gatherings, John joins right in with the community and is really, truly, a part of our community.

So, John, in conveying our best wishes and admiration and respect to you here this morning, I want to convey to you the best wishes and admiration and love of all the many hundreds of people who are your friends and neighbors and who love you in northern Virginia.

Congratulations. [Applause.]

ACCEPTANCE OF PORTRAIT

Hon. Thomas G. Abernethy

Mr. ABERNETHY. This will conclude the recognitions and speeches.

I want to thank the Members of the Committee and the Members and former members of Congress who contributed to having this portrait done. I wish to thank the members of the staff for the work and service they have performed in handling the correspondence, running the errands, and making the arrangements.

Next on the program it is my duty or privilege, rather, to accept the portrait.

So, without any unnecessary lengthy expressions, on behalf of the Committee on the District of Columbia of the House of Representatives, and the Congress, I accept for them this portrait of John L. McMillan which, for years to come, will adorn the walls of this Committee Room in recognition of his great service and of the affection of his colleagues. [Applause.]

Behind every good man there is always a good woman. Behind Johnny, helping him down through the years with his trials and tribulations, his politics and his life, has been a very beautiful girl. I am not going to call on her to say anything; she doesn't have to say anything. All you have to do is to look at her. Margaret McMillan, ladies and gentlemen, Johnny's charming and lovely wife.

(Mrs. McMillan arose to a standing ovation.)

Mrs. McMILLAN. Thank you, Tom. That was just beautiful.

Mr. ABERNETHY. And here is John L. McMillan, Jr., their wonderful son. [Applause.]

And now I would like to present to you the very able and distinguished Dean of the South Carolina Delegation, the Honorable John L. McMillan of Florence, South Carolina.

RESPONSE OF

The Honorable John L. McMillan

CHAIRMAN

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Judiciary, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and distinguished guests, I want to thank every person in this room for taking his valuable time to attend the unveiling of this portrait.

I want to thank Mr. Hoover, the artist, who did such a wonderful job in painting my portrait, and especially do I want to thank the Honorable Thomas Abernethy, the Honorable Basil Whitener, the Honorable Ancher Nelsen, the Honorable Joel T. Broyhill, and the Honorable Abraham J. Multer, the Members of the Special Committee that sponsored the painting of the portrait we are unveiling today.

All of this came as a real surprise to me, and it is difficult to understand how they kept a project of this magnitude a secret. I presume it is because we live such busy lives here on Capitol Hill until we do not have time to think of ourselves or many personal matters.

I am especially happy to see the approximately 90 Members of Congress in this room today, and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for taking some of their valuable time to join in the unveiling of my portrait.

I have enjoyed serving as a Member of the House District Committee for approximately 28 years, and as its Chairman for 18 years. I would be less than truthful if I stated that the position as Chairman of the House District Committee does not incur numerous headaches. However, it is a real challenge and very little politics connected with serving as a Member of the District Committee. In fact, there should be no politics whatsoever in connection with the service of a Member of Congress on the great District Committee. Occasionally, politics does creep into our deliberations in connection with legislation for the Nation's Capital; however, I think every person who has served as a Member of the District Committee has diligently made a desperate effort to improve conditions in our Nation's Capital and make it one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

We realize this cannot be done overnight; however, there is a great difference in the skyline and the looks of our Nation's Capital today from what it was the day I became a Member of the Committee. We have new office buildings on practically every street in the business section of the Nation's Capital, and when the two blocks on Pennsylvania Avenue that have been condemned for the purpose of erecting a new FBI building have been rebuilt, there will be great improvements in the downtown area of Pennsylvania Avenue.

I certainly want to thank the leaders on both sides of the aisles in the House of Representatives for the wonderful support they have given me at all times in enacting legislation for carrying out the functions of the government here in the Nation's Capital. We all know that the job of being Chairman of the District Committee is no bed of roses, and I am certain my good friend Senator Bible, who is Chairman of the Senate District Committee, can vouch for that

statement. We spend hours and hours on problems confronting our Nation's Capital and enjoy our work simply because we realize that the Constitution specifically states that the Congress shall exclusively make all laws for the Nation's Capital.

The framers of the Constitution had specifically written this statement into the Constitution as a result of the happenings in Philadelphia when Congress was using a building in the city of Philadelphia for the purpose of transacting legislation for the entire nation. The Members of Congress were harrassed by local citizens to the extent that they could not properly perform the functions of their office. George Washington staked out a 10-mile square on the Potomac River, and the framers of the Constitution immediately included a statement in Section 1, Article 8, of the Constitution that said that Congress shall exclusively make all laws for the site known as the District of Columbia.

It has always been a pleasure for me to work with people, and there has never been a Member of the House District Committee with whom I could not successfully work at any time. However, it is only natural that Members of any legislative body should disagree on proposed legislation. I have never permitted my disagreement on proposed legislation to make me disagreeable.

The Democrats and the Republicans have supported me in every effort that I have made on all occasions when I have called on them to assist me in enacting legislation for the Nation's Capital, and if I have made any success whatsoever as Chairman of this Committee, it is due to the fact that I have had the full support of the Majority and Minority at all times.

Washington, to my knowledge, is one of the most beautiful cities and one of the most beautiful places to live in the United States. I would venture to say Washington is one of the finest and most beautiful cities in the world.

We have at the present time 4 bills in conference between the House and the Senate, and it is my hope that we can get together on the crime bill at an early date, as that is one of the most important problems confronting the people of Washington at the present time. I realize that my counterpart, Senator Bible, has taken a great deal of his valuable time in connection with this and all other legislation. He is confronted with some problems on his Committee that I am thankful that I am not confronted with on my Committee.

On behalf of Mrs. McMillan, and my son, John, Jr., who just arrived in Washington this morning for the unveiling of this portrait, I want to thank everyone again for this great honor you have paid me by your presence in attending the unveiling of my portrait here this morning. We shall forever be grateful for the honor you have bestowed upon us today.

Thank you. [Standing ovation.]

Mr. ABERNETHY. Thank you, Mr. McMillan.

I would like to thank all of you for your presence. May I suggest that you remain for coffee and a social hour. Also may I suggest that there is a guest book outside awaiting your signature.

That concludes the program. It has been a wonderful morning. Thank you for coming.

(Thereupon, at 11 o'clock a.m., the Committee stood adjourned.)



